

Applicant: Davis et al
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include Figures 1, 2A, 2B, 2C and 3. Figs. 1, 2A, 2B and 2C have been put in formal form, Fig. 1 has been amended to include the legend "Prior Art" and Fig. 3 has been amended to correct typographical errors in the figure.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets 1-5.

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REMARKS

In response to the office action mailed November 27, 2006, applicants respectfully request reconsideration. By this amendment, the Specification has been amended, claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 have been amended, and Figs. 1 and 3 have been amended. Claims 1-10 remain pending after entrance of this amendment.

Objection to the Drawings

Figs. 1, 2A, 2B and 2C were objected to as being informal, Fig. 1 was objected to as requiring the legend "Prior Art", and Fig. 3 was objected to as having typographical errors. Applicant submits herewith formal Figs. 1-3, with Fig. 1 being properly labeled as Prior Art. Fig. 3 was amended to correct the typographical error pointed out by the examiner, and to pluralize the word "transfer" in Step 60. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The examiner indicated that the use of the undefined variable "N" rendered claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 10 indefinite. Accordingly, claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 have been amended to indicate that N is a positive integer greater than 1. Paragraph [0006] of the Specification was amended to also indicate that N is a positive integer greater than 1. Support for this amendment can be found in Figs. 2A-2C, which show data transfer processing stations 20A-20N and Paragraph 15 of the Specification. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully assert that amended claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 are now definite, as are the claims that depend therefrom.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants acknowledge and appreciate the examiner's indication that claims 1-10 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejection.

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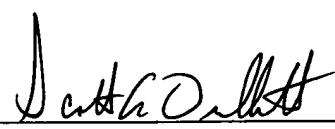
Based on the foregoing, applicants respectfully assert that claims 1-10 are allowable and respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

In the event the Patent Office deems personal contact desirable in disposition of this matter, the Office is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (508) 293-7835.

Please charge any fees occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account No. 05 0889.

Respectfully submitted,

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